

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are now pending in the application. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the drawings and specification. As such, no new matter is added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments, remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5-6, 12, and 16-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0055812). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-4, 7, 10-11, and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Williams et al. in view of Squeglia et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0156692). Claim 9 stands rejected as being unpatentable over Squeglia et al. and Williams et al. and further in view of Demetriades et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0010578). Claims 8 and 15 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Williams et al. and Squeglia et al. and further in view of Griffiths (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0116316). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

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CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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